

PRESIDENT'S POLICY AVERTS STRIKE

TEUTONS ARE
STRIKING ON
FRENCH LINE

London Admits Enemy Has
Gained Footing on Brit-
ish Positions.

ATTACK RUSS FRONT

Advices From Recent Fight-
ing in Galicia Tell of
Heavy Russ Loss.

London, Aug. 23, (3:02 p. m.)—Two heavy assaults on the positions newly won by the British south of Thiepval, on the Somme front were made last night by the Germans. They gained a footing in the British trenches but were driven out again, the war office announced today.

Berlin, Aug. 23, (via London, 4:33 p. m.)—Gains for the Teutonic forces in the Carpathians north of Capul, where positions recently taken by the Russians were stormed and recaptured, are announced today by the war office. The Russian forces along the Cherny-Cheremosh attempted to regain lost positions but were unsuccessful.

Paris, Aug. 23, (noon).—German troops attacking the French lines south of Estrees on Tuesday gained a footing at some points in trenches that had been captured by the French on Aug. 21, the war office announced today.

The attack in the Estrees region south of the Somme was launched after a period of intense artillery preparation. North of the Somme the Germans violently bombarded the French first line.

Germans Attack Russ Front.

Petrograd, (via London, Aug. 23, 2:45 p. m.)—The Germans resumed the offensive yesterday south of Brody, where the Russians are attempting to approach Lemberg from the northeast. The war office statement of today says the Germans were repulsed. The Russians captured two heights on the Hungarian front. The announcement follows:

"In the region south of Krevy (southeast of Vilna) the enemy on Tuesday launched a gas attack which was repelled with heavy losses.

"More than 100 bombs were dropped by enemy aeroplanes on the railway station at Manevichi.

"South of Brody the enemy resumed the offensive at some points. His attacks were repulsed.

"Near the source of the river Pruth, southwest of Ardjulez, we captured two heights north and south of Koverla mountain on the Hungarian frontier."

Teuton Forces Hold Ground.

Berlin, Aug. 23, (by wireless to Sayville).—Despite their determined attacks in many sections of the front in Valonia, Galicia, and the Carpathian regions the Russians have been unable to gain any ground from the Teutonic forces, according to the Austrian official statement of Aug. 22. The Russian losses in the fighting along the lower Stokhod, northeast of Kovel, were particularly heavy, says the statement.

A correspondent of the Cologne Gazette on the Russian front says that in the fighting near Horodenka, in eastern Galicia from Aug. 14 to 17 the Russians lost 5,000 killed while German casualties were small.

"If the enemy continues to squander enormous quantities of ammunition in addition to suffering very heavy losses, his final exhaustion is inevitable," the correspondent says.

Berlin, Aug. 23, (via London).—The British have kept up their attacks on the Somme front between Thiepval and Pozieres but have been unable to gain any gains, according to today's official announcement by army headquarters. South of the Somme the French have been driven out of some portions of a trench which they had held since Monday, says the statement.

Italians Attack Austrian Lines.

Rome, Aug. 23, (via London, 2:30 p. m.)—The Italians are making a strong and successful thrust at the Austrian lines in the Alpine region on the extreme northern front, according to today's official announcement. Italian troops have carried strong Austrian positions in the Tofana area, in the Dolomites and in the Travençez valley.

"In the Astico valley on the night of Aug. 22 the enemy shelled our positions at the bottom of the valley with great intensity but did not develop any infantry attack. An enemy attempt to advance between Casera Zingarella and Casera Zebio Pastorile, on the Asago plateau, was checked.

"Yesterday our Alpine troops and infantry carried strong enemy positions on the western slopes of Tofana and in the Travençez valley. The enemy suffered heavy loss and left about 40 prisoners in our hands.

"In the Gorizia area artillery fighting is in progress. An enemy detachment which attempted to approach Vertobizza stream yesterday afternoon was repulsed and left numerous dead on the ground."

GARRETSON AND HOLDEN SPEAK AGAINST
EACH OTHER AT WASHINGTON PARLEY

Left to right: A. B. Garretson, Hale Holden.

The two most prominent men in the public eye, outside of the president himself, are A. B. Garretson and Hale Holden. These two men, chosen from the keenest brains in the railroad and unions worlds, are representing their respective sides at Washington. A. B. Garretson is spokesman for all the 400,000 railroad employees who are asking the eight-hour day; Hale Holden, president of the C. B. & Q., is spokesman for the railroad presidents and managers.

YEGGS BLOW SAFE
IN MINING TOWN

Bloodhounds Are Put on Trail of the
Crackmen by Iowa
Sheriff.

Ottumwa, Iowa, Aug. 23.—Between \$500 and \$600 in stamps, money orders, cash and merchandise was stolen Tuesday night from a store at Bear Creek, a mining town near here. The robbers sawed a hole in the front door of the store, releasing the locks and then blew the safe door to pieces. Bloodhounds under direction of the sheriff are working on several trails.

Former Lieutenant Governor Dead.
Joliet, Ill., Aug. 23.—J. H. Ray, former lieutenant governor of Illinois, died here last night after an illness of two weeks. He was 86 years old.

THE WAR TODAY

Political developments in the Balkans overshadow in interest for the moment even the important military operations in progress there, but today's dispatches throw little new light on the situation from either a political or military standpoint.

In connection with Rumania's attitude the course of the Russian campaign in Bukovina close to the Rumanian frontier is being closely watched. Latest advices from Teutonic sources, however, declare that the Russians are being held up by the Teutonic resistance, not only in the Carpathian fighting, but along the entire front to the north in Galicia and Volhynia.

The allies now have a formidable army on the Macedonian front. So far, however, it is only in the center, in the Vardar valley, that entente advances have been scored. It seems not improbable that this region, which offers superior railroad facilities because of the line running through it from Saloniki to Uskup, has been selected as the main avenue along which the entente thrust is to be made.

On the western front, along the Somme the British continue closing in on Thiepval and apparently have Guillemont almost within their grip. South of the Somme the French are now being forced to fight hard for retention of the trenches captured early this week in the vicinity of Estrees, and Paris reports today that the Germans were able to gain a footing in their former trenches.

The Italian artillery in the Gorizia area is showing activity and work of consolidating ground won east and southeast of the captured town is being completed. The Italians have launched a new aggressive movement in the Dolomites, the Alpine region on the far northern front.

The Turks have attempted an offensive along the Black sea coast, but Petrograd reports they were driven back with the aid of the Russian Black sea fleet.

The Bulgarians have bent back both wings of the entente allies on the Saloniki front where the armies of at least seven nations are in battle. In the center, however, where the allies' main force is being made at the entrance to the great Vardar valley, Paris reports important gains. The Serbians have been the heaviest losers and have been forced back on their extreme left, about five miles from the Serbian-Greek frontier.

On the western front the British continue their efforts to surround Thiepval and report the capture of 100 yards of German trenches near Marlinpich.

In the east Berlin says fighting has been heavy on the Stokhod and in the Carpathians. Petrograd intimates that Grand Duke Nicholas again is pressing his offensive in the Caucasus.

BALKAN AREA
HOLDS FIRST
PLACE TODAY

General Allied Offensive
Against the Bulgarians
Seems Imminent.

RUSS NEAR RUMANIA

Future Attitudes of Greek
and Rumanian Govern-
ments Give Concern.

London, Aug. 23, (2:15 a. m.)—Developments in the Balkans take first place this morning in the newspapers, which display keen interest in the landing of the Italian and Russian troops at Saloniki, the possible actions by the Greek and Rumanian governments according to official information received in the new Russian offensive in Bukovina.

Unofficial dispatches say the Russians are pushing ahead with the greatest energy in Bukovina close to the Rumanian frontier and already have gained "a very brilliant success." The Daily News sums up the Balkan situation as follows:

"The imminent general offensive against Bulgaria is of great importance. One of the first results of a successful offensive by General Sarraill would be a complete rupture of Germany's communications with the east and the capitulation of Turkey."

"The situation in Greece, where Greek troops already actually are engaged in hard fighting with their traditional enemies, the Bulgarians, is rich in possibilities. As to the intentions of Rumania, we may be content to draw upon the German press, which says Rumania definitely has joined hands with the entente and is preparing to give Russian troops passage through her territory. It is difficult to conceive what motives the Germans could have for circulating such a statement other than the belief that it is true."

Deny Famine in Albania.

Berlin, Aug. 23, (by wireless to Sayville).—The Austro-Hungarian troops in Albania have been reinforced recently according to official information from Vienna given out today by the Overseas News agency. This statement was made to controvert a report from French sources that Austro-Hungarian troops had been withdrawn and that in consequence there was famine in Albania and widespread agitation.

"Equally untrue, it is said, are assertions that rebellions have broken out in Montenegro."

WILSON TO SPEAK
IN CHICAGO SOON

National Democratic Committee Pleas-
ed With Reports From Central
and Western States.

Chicago, Aug. 23.—Vance C. McCormick, chairman of the democratic national committee, came to Chicago today and conferred with Senator Thomas J. Walsh, manager of western headquarters, and a number of the department and bureau chiefs.

Later Chairman McCormick met a number of national committeemen and state chairmen from a number of western states. Among his callers was A. W. Charles, state chairman of Illinois.

Chairman McCormick expressed himself as well pleased with the reports received from the central and western states.

"Mr. Hughes has undertaken an impossible task when he tries to harmonize the standpat republican leaders with the progressives," said Chairman McCormick. "It is like trying to mix oil and water. Imagine the difficulty encountered when one attempts to satisfy the progressives on one hand and placate standpatters like Smoot, Crane and Penrose. That is exactly what Hughes is up against. That is the weakness of the republican position in this campaign. I am grateful I am not managing Mr. Hughes' campaign."

Chairman McCormick said President Wilson will speak in Chicago and other cities in the central and western states before the close of the campaign, although no dates have yet been agreed upon.

THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for
Rock Island, Davenport, Moline
and Vicinity

Fair and warmer tonight and Thursday; Friday, probably fair. Highest temperature yesterday, 74; lowest last night, 57; at 7 a. m. today, 60.

Velocity of wind at 7 a. m., seven miles an hour.

Humidity at 7 p. m., 54; at 7 a. m., 60; at 1 o'clock today, 53.

Stage of water, 3.7 feet with a fall of 1/4 of a foot in the last 24 hours.

J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

DAVENPORT DOCTOR SHOT BY
ANGRY PATIENT; NEAR DEATH

Dr. W. B. Pomroy, a Davenport ophthalmologist, was shot and perhaps fatally wounded when he swung off of a Fourth avenue car at the foot of Fourth street, at 5 o'clock this afternoon.

James Poulas, a Greek, fired the shot. Police waiting for a Rock Island Southern interurban to go to Woodhull, were near at hand and arrested Poulas immediately.

Poulas does not deny the shooting. He alleges revenge for a beating he says Pomroy administered to him three months ago. Poulas said that several of his ribs had been broken when Dr. Pomroy attacked him.

Dr. Pomroy was with his niece. She got off the car first. Pomroy alighted next.

Poulas, who was following him, jumped off the car, set his suitcase down on the pavement, drew forth his revolver and fired the shot.

Poulas then started running east on Fourth avenue. He turned south at Fourth street and dashed to Third avenue. When police caught up with him he did not resist arrest. He reached in his pocket and pulled out the gun, handing it over to the officers.

Dr. Pomroy was taken to St. Anthony's hospital in the ambulance. Dr. Joseph De Silva was summoned. Exact location of the bullet had not been fixed at a late hour this afternoon. It is probably located in his chest. The bullet perforated the lung.

Dr. Pomroy has offices with Dr. Berwald in the Schmidt building in Davenport. He lives at 335 1/2 West Second street. Dr. Pomroy said that he had never had any trouble with

Poulas. He said he and Dr. Berwald took an X-ray picture of Poulas' neck to determine whether there were any broken bones. Dr. Pomroy told him there were none broken. Poulas said another doctor told him there were.

Apparently Poulas followed Pomroy with the intention of shooting him and then fleeing for he had his belongings with him in the suit case.

Miss Lulu Pomroy, his niece, who resides in Keithsburg, Ill., and who was being taken to the Rock Island Southern station at the foot of Fourth avenue by her uncle, Dr. Pomroy, at the time of the shooting told the following story to an Argus reporter at St. Anthony's hospital.

"I had been visiting for several days with my uncle, Dr. Pomroy in Davenport, and was to return to my home in Keithsburg, Ill., this afternoon. We took a Bridge line car to Rock Island and boarded a Fourth avenue car at Twentieth street."

"When the car reached First street I got off first, my uncle following. The first thing I knew of the shooting was when I heard the shot and turned about to see my uncle falling and the stranger standing by him with a smoking revolver. We did not know of the presence of this man Poulas until he fired the shot. My uncle knew of no reason why Poulas should have shot him. He told me that some time ago he and Dr. Berwald, his office partner, took an X-ray picture of Poulas' neck. Poulas had told them that another physician had taken an X-ray of his neck and found it broken. My uncle found that the member was not fractured in any manner and told him so."

Eureka, Cal., Aug. 23.—
The most violent earth-
quake felt here since April
1906, when San Francisco
was destroyed, rocked the
city and northern Hum-
boldt county at 6:55
o'clock this morning,
arousing late sleepers who
fled from their homes into
streets panic-stricken.
There was no material
damage.Peace Plans
Never Asked
Say English

London, Aug. 23, (4:55 p. m.)—No peace overtures have been made to Great Britain, declared Lord Robert Cecil, minister of war trade and parliamentary under-secretary for foreign affairs, in the house of commons today.

Lord Robert's statement was made in response to a question by Sir James Henry Dalmiel, liberal member for Kirkcaldy Burghs, in regard to "peace rumors" and the situation in the Balkans.

"No overtures have been made for peace," said Lord Robert. "There is only one way in which overtures for peace could be made and that is from an enemy to the government of this country. If any such overtures were made the first thing we should do would be to consult with our allies."

As to the Balkans Lord Robert said the most important factor consisted of the operations from Saloniki. The allies' relations with the new Greek government, he stated, were thoroughly satisfactory.

CAR TURNED TURTLE,
KILLING C. JOAQUIN

Jacksonville, Ill., Aug. 23.—Carl Joaquin, aged 30, was killed at noon today when a car in which he was riding on the way to the chaugaugus grounds turned turtle. Mrs. Harry Hart was driving and when her foot slipped from the brake lost control of the car. She was badly bruised but not seriously injured. The dead man has a wife and two children.

BUSY BUZZING BEES
BITE LOOP BROKERS

Chicago, Aug. 23.—Ten thousand bees, liberated in La Salle street, Chicago's financial district, today stung a score of people and sent brokers, clerks and messengers to cover. The bees were being carried in a case when a youth bumped into man holding them, causing him to stumble and smash the case.

Infant Paralysis in Des Moines.

Des Moines, Iowa, Aug. 23.—Seven new cases of infant paralysis were reported to the state board of health today. They are from Dallas, Palo Alto and Hancock counties, two cases in Wellman, one in Fairbanks and one in Grinnell. One death was reported from Fairbanks, making the total deaths since June 10, seven. The total cases to date is 81.

POLLUTED WATER
ELGIN'S TROUBLE

Springfield, Ill., Aug. 23.—Sixty cases of typhoid fever are prevalent at Elgin, Ill., where the disease has been epidemic for several weeks, according to a report to the state board of health today from Dr. E. S. Godfrey, state epidemiologist. Twenty of the cases were not known to local authorities, the report states. Twelve are new today.

Polluted water at the plant of the Elgin National Watch company is given as the source of the contagion. Whether the state board of health will take charge of the situation will depend on the decision of Dr. C. St. Clair Drake, secretary of the board, who is out of the city. He has been communicated with.

MAN AND WOMAN
MEET TRAGIC FATE

Chicago, Aug. 23.—Miss Anna Devoreaux and Charles W. Hastings, 18 and 23 years old, respectively, were killed last night by an Illinois Central train. They were returning from a south side bathing beach when struck by a fast train. They were to have been married in a short time.

DAY IN CONGRESS

SENATE.
Met at 11 a. m.
Repassed army appropriation bill.
Resumed debate on revenue bill.
HOUSE.
Not in session; meets Friday.

WILSON PLAN
GAINS FAVOR
OF MANAGERS

Peaceful Settlement of Rail
Issue Is Conceded by
Close Observers.

SUMMONS SENATORS

Presidents of Roads Visit
White House for Confer-
ence With Executive.

Washington, Aug. 23.—President Wilson summoned Senators Newlands and Representative Adamson, chairman of the senate and house committees, to the White house this morning. It is understood he planned to discuss with them legislation on the railroad strike situation. The president's plan for settlement of the railroad dispute would create a commission to investigate the working of the eight-hour day and collateral issues.

Senator Wilson plans to see Senator Newlands and Representative Adamson again, probably late today and expects to receive another call from the committee of the railroad executives some time before tomorrow.

There were many indications that the railroad presidents were considering the eight-hour day on condition that some definite assurance be given them that future disputes be arbitrated.

President Holden of the Burlington said the meeting of the presidents and managers held this morning had recessed until 8 o'clock. Meantime the special committee of the presidents is in session. Mr. Holden also states that no conclusion had been reached.

Possibility of passing an eight-hour law for railroads was discussed among several congressional leaders, but no definite program was evolved and it was understood no action would be taken unless the president's efforts failed.

After their conference with President Wilson, Senator Newlands and Representative Adamson said they had discussed the strike controversy generally, but that no legislation to meet the situation had been gone over specifically. The bill adding two members to the interstate commerce commission which has already passed the house and which will come before the senate Friday was one of the measures discussed.

Beyond saying they had approved the president's course in handling the railroad situation and that they were ready to push any legislation needed, Senator Newlands and Representative Adamson would not discuss their conference.

Permanent Commission Planned.

It was understood, however, that the creation of a permanent commission to investigate such controversies was one of the subjects mentioned.

It was understood definitely today that the railroad executives had decided to act as a unit in handling the present situation.

The program of the executives, as understood, was to deal first with the principle of arbitration and afterward with the eight-hour day. If means can be found for guaranteeing arbitration in future disputes, at least some of the railroad executives are understood to favor acquiescence with the eight-hour day demand.

Three railroad presidents today reported to the committee which is trying to formulate an answer on behalf of the roads to President Wilson's suggested plan for the demands of the union brotherhoods the substance of their conference with the president at the White house last night. It is understood the purpose of that visit was to secure Wilson's specific ideas on how the railroads are to reimburse their treasuries for the many millions additional expenses which would arise out of acceding to the president's plan for an eight-hour wage basis.

The president's attitude on this subject was not disclosed.

The big committee of brotherhood representatives were impatient at the

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SENATE DEBATING
ON REVENUE BILL

As Emergency Measure Bill Is De-
signed to Raise \$205,-
000,000.

Washington, Aug. 23.—Debate on the emergency revenue bill designed to raise \$205,000,000 was continued in the senate today. A resolution by Senator Penrose to send the bill back to the finance committee for amendment to raise an equitable portion of required revenue from a protective tariff, still was pending.